

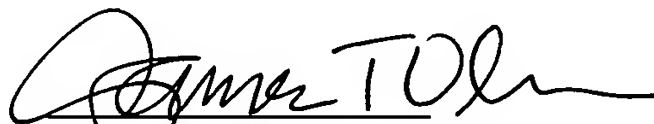
REMARKS

The above amendments were introduced to comply with the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated December 24, 2003. These amendments add no new matter. In a telephone interview with the Examiner on January 23, 2004, Applicant's Attorney and the Examiner came to an agreement that these amendments to the specification were necessary, but that no new SEQ ID Nos. or paper or electronic copies of the sequence listing were needed.

CONCLUSION

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, however the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 08-0219 for any required fee necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

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